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DISCUSSES RAILROAD FREIGHT BOTTLENECKS

Deficiencies of the fall railroad freight traffic were discussed at a conference held recently by the Union of Railroad Workers. Lajos Bebrits, Minister of Communications and Fost, told railroad employees that a number of bottlenecks have seen discovered in handling the fall traffic. Freight cars are not available in sufficient number, and serious deficiencies developed especially in the transportation of stone, brick, and other materials essential for the construction industry. There are bottlenecks even in the transportation of bread, grains, and coal.

Elimination of these shortcomings is even more important since transportation of sugar beets will be begun in a few weeks, followed by large-scale potato shipments. Adequate transportation facilities are needed for fruits; apple growers alone requested 3,000-4,000 freight cars.

If deficiencies are manifest at this early stage of the fall traffic, it is evident that more serious bottlenecks will develop later unless prompt action is taken. Reduction of turnaround time of freight cars from 3 1/2 to 3 days must be achieved, because only this measure can lead to the elimination of the present deficiencies.

Loading difficulties will also have to be eliminated. Government regulations ordering day and night, as well as Sunday and noliday, loading are not always complied with. Mistakes are also committed in connection with the formation and dispatch of trains

The minister emphasized that, to insure the success of the the peak fall traffic, speeding up the trains is imperative.

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